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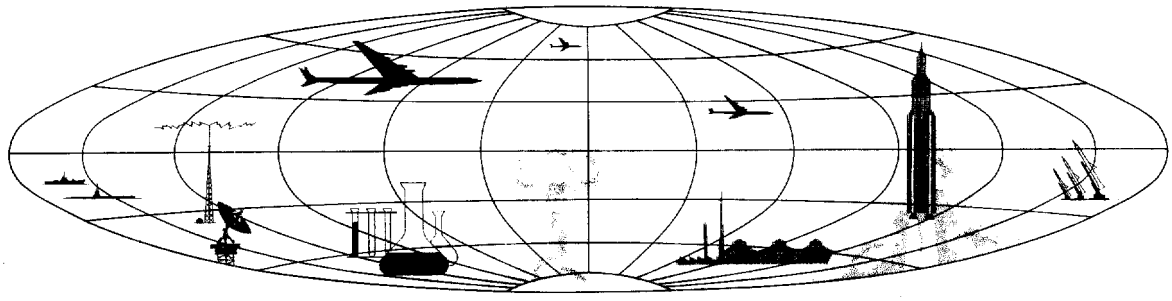

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PREFACE

THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE PRELIMINARY INTERPRETATION OF MISSION 3238, FLOWN 10 NOVEMBER 1963, AND DEALS PRIMARILY WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY INTELLIGENCE ITEMS APPEARING IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST. HOWEVER, IT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER SIGNIFICANT TARGETS OBSERVED DURING THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY. TARGETS REPORTED ARE IN CHINA UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE HEADER, AND ARE ARRANGED BY SUBJECT, WITHIN EACH SUBJECT BY COMOR TARGET NUMBER WHICH APPEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEADER LINE. A SIGNIFICANT TARGET NOT IN THE COMOR LIST IS INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT AND AFTER THE COMOR LISTED TARGETS. NATIONAL BOUNDARIES ARE THOSE DELINEATED ON AMS MAPS, SERIES 1301, SCALE 1/1,000,000.

SYMBOLS USED TO INDICATE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT THE APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY ARE AS FOLLOWS -- C (CLEAR), SC (SCATTERED CLOUDS), HC (HEAVY CLOUDS), H (HAZE), CS (CLOUD SHADOW), O (OBLIQUITY), PQ (POOR IMAGE QUALITY).

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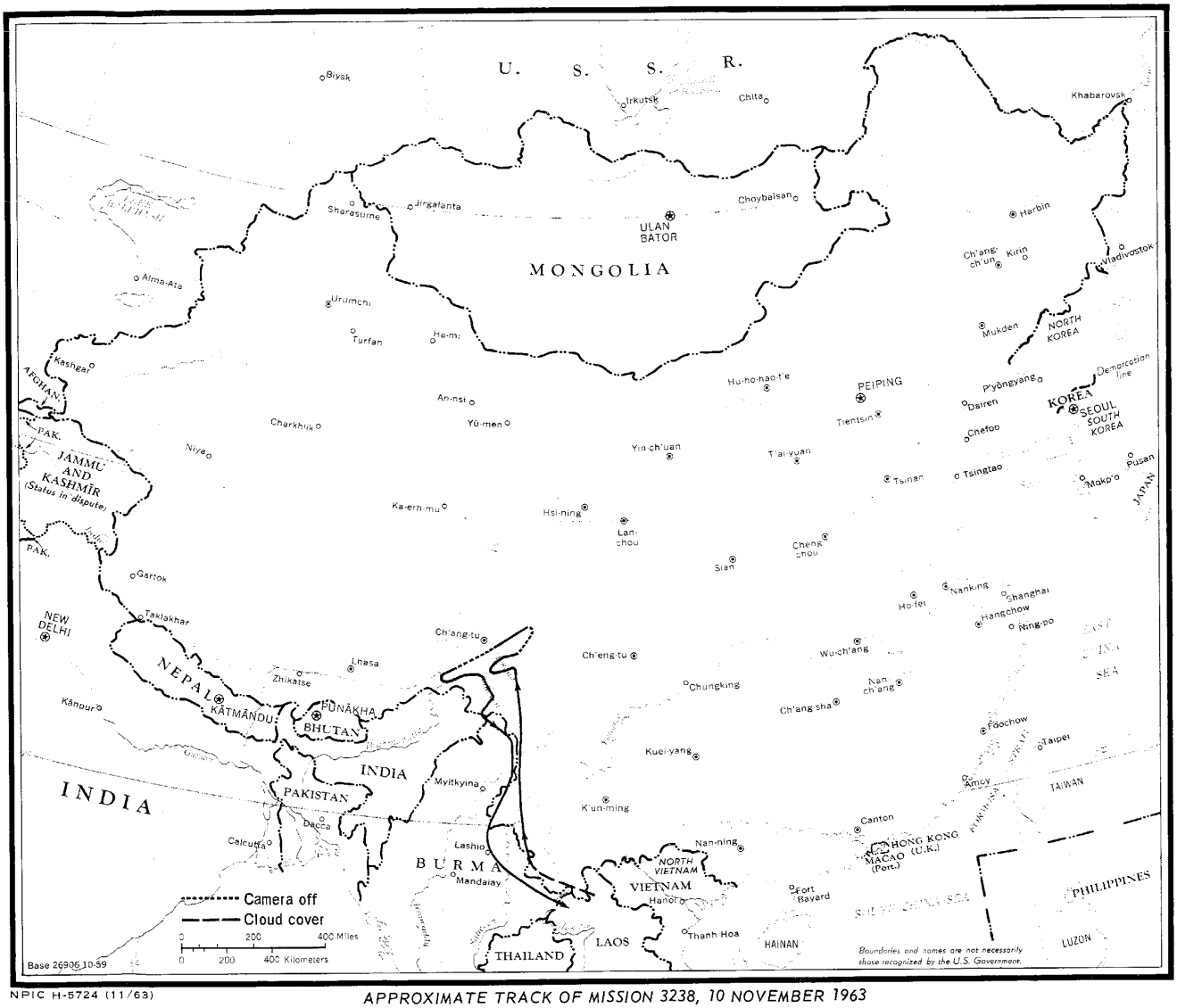

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APPROXIMATE TRACK OF MISSION 3238, 10 NOVEMBER 1963

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AIRFIELDS

25X1A [redacted] PAO-SHAN AIRFIELD 2503N 09909E

3.9 NM SOUTH OF PAO-SHAN.

5,300 X 120 FT NE/SW PREPARED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE WITH A 500 FT OVERRUN AT EACH END.

FACILITIES INCLUDE LOOP TAXIWAY, ONE CROSSOVER LINK, 6 U-SHAPED PARKING REVETMENTS ON SE SIDE OF RUNWAY, AND NATURAL SURFACE PARKING APRON ON EAST SIDE OF SW END OF RUNWAY.

SUPPORT AREA WEST OF RUNWAY CONTAINS 2 SMALL OPERATIONS BUILDINGS ADJOINING A CONTROL TOWER, 3 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 4 PROBABLE STORAGE, AND 6 SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND 3 STICK MASTS.

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

(SEE ATTACHMENT 1.)

25X1D [redacted]

MILITARY ACTIVITY

25X1A [redacted] TSELA DZONG AREA, MILITARY CAMP (TIBET) 2930N 09430E

ON NORTH BANK OF BRAHMAPUTRA (TSANGPO) RIVER APPROXIMATELY 7 NM NE OF TSELA DZONG.

CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 40 BUILDINGS.

OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

[redacted] LI-MA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY (TIBET) 2824N 09703E

25X1A FOUR AREAS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN LI-MA VICINITY.

AREA A (LI-MA ARMY BARRACKS AT LI-MA) -- 3 ADJACENT AREAS (2 SEPARATELY SECURED) CONTAIN A TOTAL OF 31 BARRACKS, 2 MESS HALL, 3 ADMINISTRATION, AND 15 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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AREA B (TENT CAMP 1.5 NM NNW OF LI-MA AT 28-26N 097-02E) -- APPROXIMATELY 50 TENTS.

AREA C (TENT CAMP 3 NM NNE OF LI-MA ON SW EDGE OF SHIKA AT 28-27N 097-04E) -- 10 TENTS AND 2 VEHICLES.

AREA D (SECURED MILITARY CAMP 6 NM SSW OF LI-MA AT 28-29N 097-00E) -- 5 POSSIBLE BARRACKS. TRENCH SYSTEM APPROXIMATELY .25 NM IN LENGTH WITH NUMEROUS FIRING POSITIONS OBSERVED ALONG RIDGE SOUTH OF AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

[redacted] SU-TUN AREA, SUPPLY DEPOT (TIBET) 2930N 09645E

25X1A 7 NM NNW OF SU-TUN AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LA-HU.

DEPOT CONTAINS 2 BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE MESS HALL, 2 VEHICLE SHEDS, 4 STORAGE BUILDINGS, 10 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, ONE POSSIBLE POL TANK AND A SECURED AREA CONTAINING UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE. TWO CARGO TRUCKS AND 3 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED WITHIN DEPOT AREA. FIVE CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED TRAVELING NORTH 3 NM NORTH OF SUPPLY DEPOT.

SMALL MILITARY AREA 1.5 NM WEST OF SUPPLY DEPOT CONTAINS ONE BARRACKS-TYPE AND 3 SUPPORT/STORAGE BUILDINGS AND 3 TENTS.

A 22 VEHICLE CONVOY OBSERVED TRAVELING EAST BETWEEN 29-28N 096-40E AND 29-29N 096-43E ON THE ROAD FROM SUM DZONG TO SU-TUN.

25X1D [redacted]

[redacted] SUM DZONG, REFUELING DEPOT (TIBET) 2945N 09609E

25X1A EAST EDGE OF SUM DZONG.

SECURED AREA CONTAINS 40 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 4 PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION, 4 PROBABLE MESS HALL, AND 21 MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT AND STORAGE BUILDINGS.

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[redacted] KHATA, BARRACKS AREA (TIBET) 2951N 09548E

ON BOTH BANKS OF THE BRAHMAPUTRA (TSANGPO) RIVER AT KHATA.

LARGE MILITARY COMPLEX CONTAINS 87 BARRACKS, 18 ADMINISTRATION, 26 HOSPITAL, 39 STORAGE, 7 MESS HALL, AND 114 SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND APPROXIMATELY 90 BUILDING FOUNDATIONS. APPROXIMATELY 40 TRUCKS OBSERVED. PORTIONS OF COMPLEX SECURED. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED. ROADS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY APPEAR TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION.

25X1D

[redacted]

25X1A

[redacted] DABLA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY (TIBET) 2835N 09709E

9 NM WSW OF DABLA.

TENT CAMP CONTAINS 3 SMALL BUILDINGS AND 30 TENTS. ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED.

25X1D

[redacted]

[redacted] TSELA DZONG AREA, POSS MILITARY AREA (TIBET) 2930N 09420E

25X1A

5 NM NORTH OF TSELA DZONG.

TWO ADJACENT AREAS CONTAIN A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 35 BUILDINGS.

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25X1D

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[redacted] TSO-KUNG AREA, MILITARY AREAS (TIBET) 2956N 09748E

25X1A

THREE MILITARY AREAS OBSERVED IN TSO-KUNG AREA.

AREA A (EAST EDGE OF TSO-KUNG) -- SMALL BARRACKS AREA CONTAINS 6 PROBABLE BARRACKS AND 4 PROBABLE STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

AREA B (ONE NM SOUTH OF TSO-KUNG ON EAST BANK OF THE LA-CHU HO (RIVER)) -- SMALL BARRACKS AREA CONTAINS 4

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BARRACKS, 9 TENTS, AND ONE STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDING.

AREA C (4 NM SOUTH OF TSO-KUNG ON EAST BANK OF THE LA-CHU HO (RIVER)) -- PROBABLE REFUELING STATION CONTAINS 3 PROBABLE BARRACKS AND 6 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AT LEAST 10 POSSIBLE POL STORAGE REVETMENTS, AND 2 ASSOCIATED BARRACKS AREAS CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 12 BARRACKS AND 10 SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

KENG TUNG--WAN PUNGHAWN ROAD (BURMA) 2118N 09936E

TWO-LANE, ALL-WEATHER, LOOSE SURFACE SERVICEABLE ROAD OBSERVED FROM KENG TUNG (21-18N 099-36E) NORTH TO THE NAM LOI (RIVER). ROAD FOLLOWS RIVER NW TO LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN VICINITY OF WAN PUNGHAWN (21-33N 099-32E). NO VEHICLES OBSERVED ALONG ROAD.

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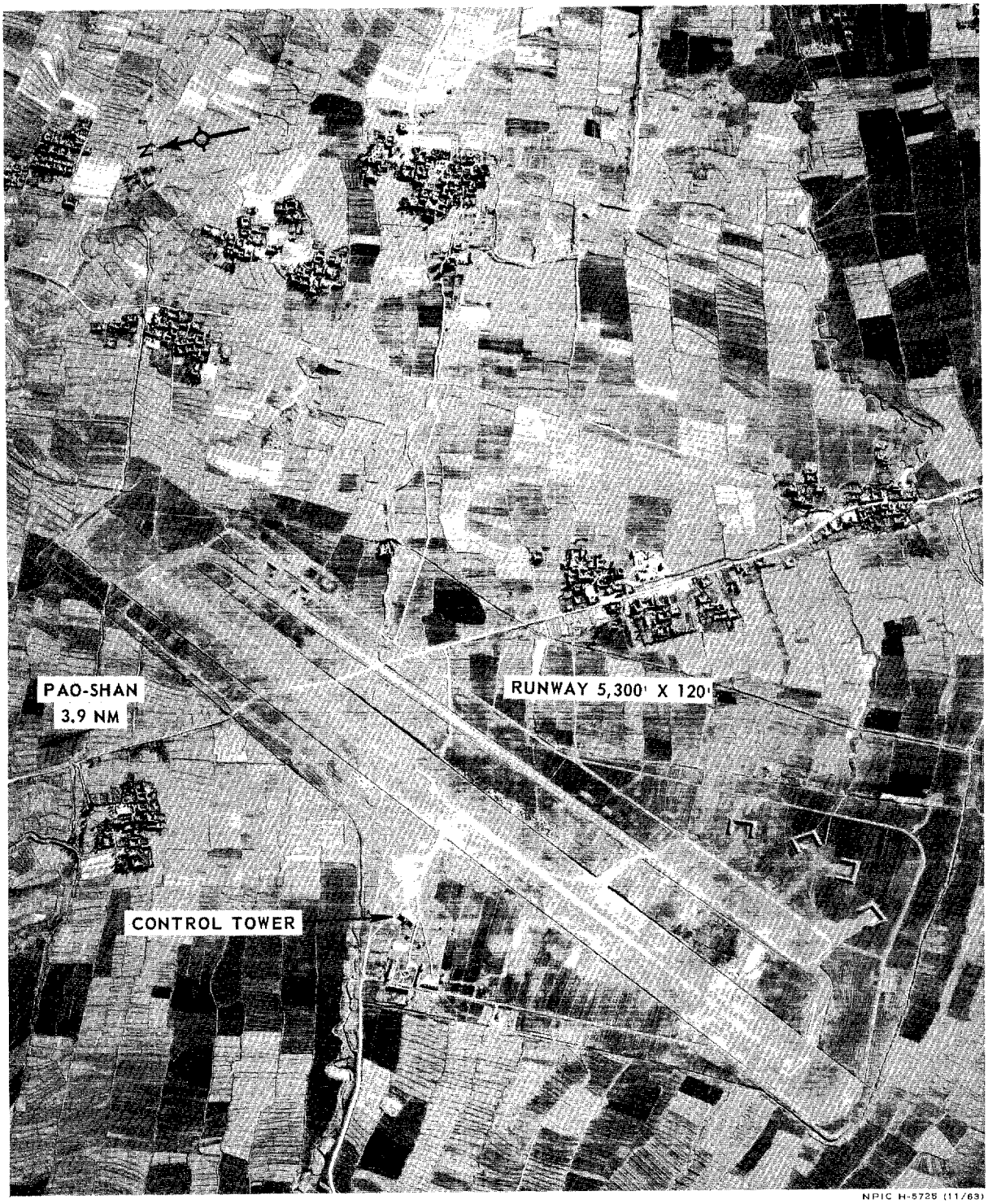

PAO-SHAN AIRFIELD

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